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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) A method for preventing or reducing the attachment of a lauryl ether sulfate to human skin during a washing process, said method comprising applying said lauryl ether sulfate to the human skin in a detergitive cosmetic or dermatological preparation comprising the lauryl ether sulfate and more than 3.0 by weight of the preparation of one or more anionic surfactants selected from the group consisting of N-acylamino acids and their salts.

8.-11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the lauryl ether sulfate is present in the preparation in a concentration of more than 9% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

13. (Previously Presented) A method of desorbing a lauryl ether sulfate from human skin, said method comprising applying to human skin comprising an adsorbed lauryl ether sulfate an amount effective to desorb a content of said adsorbed lauryl ether sulfate from said human skin of a detergitive cosmetic or dermatological preparation comprising one or more anionic surfactants selected from the group consisting of N-acylamino acids and their salts.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the one or more anionic surfactants selected from the group of N-acylamino acids and their salts thereof are present in

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the preparation in a concentration of more than 0.5% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the one or more anionic surfactants selected from the group of N-acylamino acids and salts thereof are present in the preparation in a concentration of more than 1.0% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the one or more anionic surfactants selected from the group of N-acylamino acids and salts thereof are present in the preparation in a concentration of more than 2.0% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the one or more anionic surfactants selected from the group of N-acylamino acids and salts thereof are present in the preparation in a concentration of more than 3.0% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

18. (Canceled)

19. (New) A method of bathing a human body, said method comprising during the bathing applying to said human body a detergents cosmetic or dermatological preparation comprising lauryl ether sulfate and more than 3.0 by weight of the preparation of one or more anionic surfactants selected from the group consisting of N-acylamino acids and their salts.

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20. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the lauryl ether sulfate is present in the preparation in a concentration of more than 9% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

21. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the one or more anionic surfactants selected from the group of N-acylamino acids and their salts thereof are present in the preparation in a concentration of more than 0.5% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

22. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the one or more anionic surfactants selected from the group of N-acylamino acids and salts thereof are present in the preparation in a concentration of more than 1.0% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

23. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the one or more anionic surfactants selected from the group of N-acylamino acids and salts thereof are present in the preparation in a concentration of more than 2.0% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

24. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the one or more anionic surfactants selected from the group of N-acylamino acids and salts thereof are present in the preparation in a concentration of more than 3.0% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

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CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.